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STOCKHOLM--THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TODAY ANNOUNCED THE ARREST OF A SWEDISH
FORCE COLONEL WHO HAS CONFESSED TO SPYING FOR RUSSIA SINCE 1947.

POLITICAL SOURCES DESCRIBED IT AS THE WORST SPI CASE IN SWEDISH HISTORY.

A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THE COLONEL HAD GUILTY
TO THE ESPIONAGE CHARGES.

HE SAID IN CONNECTION WITH THE CASE THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAS DECLARED
RUSSIAN DIPLOMATS "PERSONA NON GRATA."

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A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE COL. STIG ERIC CORNELIUS
WILHELMSSON HAD MADE A FULL CONFESSION FOLLOWING HIS ARREST BY SWEDISH SECURITY
POLICE JUNE 20.

THE TWO RUSSIAN DIPLOMATS DECLARED "PERSONA NON GRATA" WERE IDENTIFIED AS
MILITARY ATTACHE MAJ. GEN. MIKOLAI AND FIRST SECRETARY BARANOVSKI.

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE SOVIET CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER
TORSTEN NILSSON ORDERED THE TWO DIPLOMATS TO LEAVE SWEDEN "IMMEDIATELY," THE
SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO MADE A STRONG PROTEST AGAINST THE SPYING AND
ASKED THAT IT BE DISCONTINUED.

"WE ARE TRYING TO ASCERTAIN WHAT DAMAGE HAS BEEN CAUSED TO OUR SECURITY
INTERESTS BY THE SPYING," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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